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SUPPLEMENT

1. Reportedly, Salazar has given instructions to the effect that steps must be taken to find a solution to the refugee problem. By 9 January 1947, he had ordered the PIDE (security police) to weed from their lists, in the course of the next few months, as many persons as possible who are listed as refugees. He reportedly stated, however, that no refugee should be forced to leave Portugal if the only country to which he could go is under Russian domination. Those persons who for humanitarian reasons are permitted to stay must take up "residence forcée" outside of Lisbon.

2. Such circumstances as a foreigner's having a Portuguese spouse or children born in Portugal will no longer prevent expulsion. Even a valid permit to work in Portugal will not be sufficient to keep from "residence forcée" those refugees who are allowed to remain.

3. The process of examination of the lists had begun by 9 January, and many refugees, mostly Jews, had received two weeks' notice to leave Portugal or take the alternative of "residence forcée" in small towns in the northern part of the country.

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4. ███████████████   as of 17 January it was not known whether Germans in Portugal would be classed as refugees under this new decision, and if they were so classified, whether they would have the same liability to expulsion as others; when questioned about this matter, an official of the PIDE said that the ultimate decision must be made by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, but he expressed the opinion that the new order did not apply to Germans.

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